

Term Dates 2009

Term 2	20 th April	-	26 th June
Term 3	13 th July	-	18 th Sept
Term 4	5 th Oct	-	18 th Dec



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ABERFELDIE NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER –

Friday	5 th June	5-6 Interschool Sport Aberfeldie vs Niddrie
Monday	8 th June	Queens Birthday
Friday	12 th June	Curriculum/Pupil Free Day
Friday	19 th June	Westside Arts SAP Performance – Hamer Hall 7.30pm
Thursday	25 th June	Kids Disco
Friday	26 th June	End of Term 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

School Activities

As part of the Integrated Inquiry unit *Victoria the Place to eE* students from Grade 3/4 went on a very exciting excursion to the city on Thursday. They explored significant land marks including the Museum, Parliament and Federation Square. The students made full use of the free City Loop tram to explore their city.

Building Construction & Class Movement

Everyone has been working very hard to empty the Prep - 2 building really for demolition. Our relocation plan will have a bit of a domino effect across the school.

- Prep grades will move to the classrooms in the 3/4 building this Friday.
- Two of our Grade 1/2 students will be sharing the Art and Craft Room.
- 2 grades will be located in portables.
- Art and Craft classes will be in the OSHC building (starting next week due to repainting the room).
- OHSC will have breakfast in the OHSC building and afternoon tea in the Gym.

We are committed to continuing to provide an attractive learning environment and quality educational program to all students during this construction period. The Prep Grades have been steam-cleaned, cupboards painted and brightened up with coloured paper. The Art

and Craft Room will be **painted** next week to give a clean fresh feel to the room.

I have attached the proposed template to give everyone an idea of the works that will be carried out. This is a very exciting time for the school. It will really transform the way we are able to engage students and teachers in the learning process.

Donations to the School

As the financial year draws to a close it is timely to remind families that donations to the school's Building Fund and Library Fund are **tax deductible**. All donations are greatly appreciated and I can assure families that all contributions will be put to good use. Please contact the Office if you wish to make a donation.

Walking School Bus

Yesterday Lisa Bagnati, provided a comprehensive overview of the **Walking School Bus** program. A possible new route starting from Nimmo Street was discussed. A flyer and pamphlet are attached for your information.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place **on Monday June 22 and Wednesday June 24**. Next week will be a particularly short week with the Queen's Birthday holiday on Monday and the Pupil Free Curriculum Day on Friday June

12. Interview request notes will be sent out on Tuesday June 9 and are due back on Monday June 15.

Westside Arts

Westside Arts is a concert showcasing dance, music, drama and film from schools across the Western Metropolitan Region. Our SAP performers have been selected to participate in this wonderful display of talent across the Region. Westside Arts Concert is at the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall on Friday June 19 at 7:30pm. Tickets are; adults \$20.00, students \$12.00 and families \$55.00. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster 1300 136 166 www.ticketmaster.com.au

Our **SAP performers** also entertained students at the St Andrews Kindergarten. The Acting Assistant Principal's report provides more details of that concert.

Terese Healy
Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Report

Last Thursday I was fortunate indeed to accompany approximately fifty of our SAP students to St Andrews Pre School. Our students, looking very professional in their SAP uniforms, staged a truly entertaining performance for the 4 year old pre schoolers. A big thank you goes to Irene, Vernice, Rose and the parents who came along to support our students and to Leea, (Maddison in 3/4R's mum) for the pictures that accompany this newsletter.

Changes are continuing across the school in preparation for our new building project. This week we have continued to relocate some teachers and storage areas and tomorrow our Prep classes move to the 3/4 building. Thank you to those parents who have indicated they will assist us with this move from 10am - 12 noon.

A note for your Term 3 diary – on Monday 10 August Margaret Milne, a well known consultant, will be facilitating a "You Can Do It" parent information evening to be held in our school library. "You Can Do It", which focuses on the five foundations of well being and success, being resilience, organisation, persistence,

getting along and confidence, is an important component of our curriculum. Further details will be sent home early in Term 3.

Wendy Ashworth
Acting Assistant Principal

From The Office

Family statements have been sent out today. Statements may have the voluntary fees on them, Library Trust and the Grounds Levy. These charges stay on your statement until the end of the year. Remember every bit helps the school and you can claim it on your taxes.

Also if you receive EMA payments (and have signed it over to the school), we will be receiving another payment in September of \$66.30 per child this will go to any of your outstanding fees. Any question regarding your statement please contact the office.

Thank You.

G.A.T.E.WAYS

At Aberfeldie Primary School we offer a comprehensive curriculum that aims to cater for individual student needs and interests. This year, as a further means of achieving this aim, we are again providing the opportunity for selected students who have shown high aptitude in some areas to be involved in various G.A.T.E.WAYS programs.

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent organisation offering challenging and enriching activities and experiences to develop and extend student abilities. Programs, which are held at various Melbourne locations, range from one day to four weekly half day sessions. Parents are responsible for both the cost of the program and transport to and from the location.

All interested schools receive information from G.A.T.E.WAYS regarding programs being offered. With the number of places in each program being limited, demand across schools is always extremely high. So far this year we have been very fortunate in the number of students that have gained a place in a range of programs.

To allow as many students as possible to have the opportunity to participate in a program, I wish to advise you that, from Term 3 2009, Aberfeldie will be implementing the following guidelines:

- on receiving notification of programs classroom teachers will be asked to nominate possible students who have shown aptitude in the program focus
- program details and expression of interest forms will be sent home with these students
- expression of interest forms, which are to be returned to the office the next day, will be numbered in order of receipt
- having considered previous participation in programs and the order of receipt of expression of interest forms, four names will be forwarded to G.A.T.E.WAYS and parents will be informed if their child has gained a place or is on the wait list. Please note that an expression of interest does not mean that a child has been accepted into a program.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the above please feel free to contact me and/or visit the G.A.T.E.WAYS website www.gateways.edu.au

Wendy Ashworth
Curriculum Coordinator

OSHC News

Dear Parents,

Please note that we will be closed next Friday 12th of June due to a Pupil Free Day. As of next week, we will be sharing our facilities with Art Classes. We will therefore use the gym to serve afternoon tea. We will however, still use the Out of School Hours building to serve breakfast. You will still need to sign your child/children in and out of the service from the Out of School Hours room.

Program for next Week

Monday 08 Jun – Queens Birthday
Tuesday 09 Jun – Smelly Shoe Sachets
Wed 10 Jun– PVA Writing/Tennis in Gym
Thursday 11 Jun– Cheesey Onion Dip
Friday 12 Jun– Curriculum/Pupil Free Day

SAP News

Westside Arts Friday 19th June at Hamer Hall, 7.30pm start

A Reminder that audience tickets are available through Ticketmaster on 1300 136 166. SAP students who are performing **DO NOT** need a ticket. Family and pensioner/concession card holder discounts are available. Tickets **WILL NOT** be available at the door.

Rose - SAP Liaison.

Lost

1 Blue Rip Curl watch (boys). If found please return it to the school office. Thank You.

Parents Club News

Coming events: Kids Disco Thursday 25th June. Notices will be out soon. We will be looking for helpers for the evening.

Jo Scarce
